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SENATOR ALLARD PRAISES TAIWAN'S DECISION TO REOPEN MARKET TO U.S. BEEF

ALLARD URGES JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA TO FOLLOW TAIWAN'S LEAD

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) on Wednesday commended the decision of the Taiwanese government to reopen their markets to U.S. beef, ending a 16-month ban. The decision came after meetings between Senator Allard and the Taiwanese Representative to the United States, in which the Colorado Senator sought an immediate reopening.

“Taiwan’s decision to reopen their markets to American beef is wonderful news for the cattle industry in Colorado and the American economy at large,” Senator Allard said. “Taiwan has demonstrated to the world that United States has taken the proper precautions to ensure that U.S. beef is the safest in the world.”

On April 16th, Taiwan resumed the trade of boneless beef products from cattle under 30 months of age with the United States. Taiwan closed its borders to U.S. beef when a single case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy was discovered in a Canadian cow in Washington State. Previous to the ban, Taiwan was the sixth-largest consumer of American beef.

In March, Senator Allard held a similar meeting with Ambassador Ryoza Kato of Japan seeking an ending to the Japanese ban on U.S. beef.

“It is my hope that countries like Japan and South Korea that have persisted in their bans of American beef will now follow Taiwan’s lead,” Senator Allard said.

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